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NEW RESERVOIRS BUILT;
REFORESTATION PROGRAM FURTHERED

570 RESERVOIRS BUILT -- Rude Pravo, No 72, 20 Apr 49

Since the beginning of the year, 1,118 reservoirs have been repaired and built in Czechoslovakia. The largest number of repairs were made in Ceske Budejovice Kraj, where 280 reservoirs with an area of 97.83 hectares were renovated. In Usti Kraj only 16 reservoirs were repaired, but their total area was 165.6 hectares. In Pilsen Kraj 86 reservoirs were renovated with an area of 83.02 hectares, while 60.23 hectares of reservoirs were repaired in Jihlava Kraj, with a total of 43 reservoirs. In Gottwaldov Kraj 26 reservoirs, with an area of 58.54 hectares, were renovated, and 94 reservoirs with a total area of 77 hectares were built in Prague Kraj.

Since the beginning of 1949, 570 new reservoirs have been built and 548 reservoirs repaired in the entire country. A total of 29,764.20 hectares of land have been irrigated.

Lidova Demokracie, No 90, 16 Apr 49

In Hradec Kralove Kraj 3,610 hectares have been irrigated, and in Nitra Kraj 11,140 hectares. In Jihlava Kraj 592 kilometers of irrigation ditches have been dug, in Prague Kraj, 444 kilometers; and in Pilsen Kraj 285.90 kilometers.

A total of 2,475.05 kilometers of irrigation ditches have been dug in the whole Republic.

PASTURE ACREAGE TO INCREASE -- Lidova Demokracie, No 91, 17 Apr 49

In 1947 there were 291,748 hectares of pasture land in the Czech Provinces and 570,815 hectares in Slovakia. This represents a constant reduction in

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pasture area over the past century. The Five-Year Plan envisions an increase in 40,000 hectares of pasture land in Moravia and Silesia, 50,000 hectares in Bohemia, and 5,000 hectares in the border areas.

HATCHERY PLAN TO BE EXCEEDED -- Lidova Demokracie, No 94, 22 Apr 49

There are 23 egg hatcheries in Prague Kraj, with a total capacity of 470,000 eggs at once. This year one million chickens were to be hatched, but according to recent data this plan will be exceeded. The chickens are to be raised chiefly by cooperative poultry farms.

REFORESTATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA -- Svobodne Slovo, No 87, 13 Apr 49

Woods make up 24 percent of the land in Prague Kraj. Pribram has the most woods, with 20,127 hectares, while Kralupy has only 82 hectares of woodland. Dry winds blow across the kraj through Pobebrady, Lokin, Slany, and Rakovnik and rob the earth of its moisture.

At present in Prague Kraj 1,490 hectares of such land are being planted with trees as windbreaks. A total of 7,250 kilometers of windbreaks will be planted, streams will be deepened for 19 kilometers, and the banks of streams will be repaired for a length of 167 kilometers in Prague Kraj.

Lidova Demokracie, No 90, 16 Apr 49

Kralupy has the smallest acreage in woods in all of Prague Kraj, a total of only 820 sig hectares.

In Brno Kraj 75 hectares of windbreaks have been planted.

USE OF WOOD IN SLOVAKIA INCREASES -- Lidove Noviny, No 94, 22 Apr 49

As a result of industrialization and increased construction, the consumption of wood is rising in Slovakia. Two million cubic meters of round timber are needed annually for sawmills, construction, and artisan trades. For railroad ties 300,000 cubic meters of wood are used yearly, while 100,000 cubic meters are used in mines and 800,000 cubic meters for paper production.

Windbreaks are to be constructed in Slovakia. Work will begin this autumn and seedlings will be taken from nurseries, where they have been planted for this purpose.

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